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Introduction

Each week, more than 2 million readers across the Air Force -- active duty people, reservists, guardsmen, military families, retired military, civilian DOD employees, and contractors -- turn to base newspapers for news about their community -- the bases where they live and work. AFMC base newspapers provide commanders a primary means of communicating mission-essential information to members of his or her command. The newspaper keeps readers informed about base, local community and military family related issues and operational concerns and provides a direct and documented communication channel for responding to base-wide concerns. News and feature stories on Air Force people and organizations provide recognition of excellence in performance and also improves morale by helping quell rumors and by keeping Air Force people accurately informed about military matters affecting their futures.

To tell the stories readers want and need, AFMC journalists strive to meet the highest standards of professional journalism. The Air Force Materiel Command Media Contest recognizes those military and civilian employee print journalists for outstanding achievements in furthering the internal communication objectives of the Department of the Air Force. Categories of awards include individual and unit, with awards made in 18 print categories.

Judges for this year's AFMC contest were:

Dr. Annette Taylor: Annette M. Taylor is an assistant professor at the University of Dayton in Ohio where she teaches journalism and public relations writing, as well as First Amendment law. Before entering the academy in 1988, the Detroit native worked many years as a daily newspaper reporter and editor in Michigan, Montana and Alaska. She also worked as a free-lance writer for publications based in the Pacific Northwest. Her research interests are media law, labor issues and popular culture. She holds a B.A and M.A. in Journalism from Michigan State University and received her Ph.D. in American Culture Studies from Bowling Green State University.

Mr. Michael Gose: Mr. Gose is the public affairs division chief and senior journalism instructor for the Public Affairs Officer Course at the Defense Information School, Fort George G. Meade, Md. Mr. Gose is a 24-year Air Force veteran and retired as an Air Force master sergeant. His first assignment was as a staff reporter for Pacific Stars and Stripes in Tokyo. After serving with the Air Force Communications Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va., for two years, he returned to Pacific Stars and Stripes where he served as copyeditor, features writer, columnist, Pacific Desk editor and Magazine editor. Mr. Gose won numerous command and service writing awards, including being named Air Force Journalist of the Year in 1985 and 1987. He holds a bachelor's of science degree in liberal arts from the University of New York and has completed the Short Course in Communications at the University of Oklahoma and the Public Affairs Officer Course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Ms Janice Morse: Ms Morse is an award-winning journalist with nearly 16 years' experience at Ohio newspapers. During the past two and a half years with The Cincinnati Enquirer, Ms. Morse has chiefly covered law enforcement. She has received several awards, including a second-place national investigative reporting award and a first-place database/enterprise-reporting award with the Queen City Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Last year, Ms. Morse received the John R. Clark Award for outstanding coverage of local communities, given each year to the Enquirer's most outstanding suburban reporter. Prior to joining the Enquirer, Ms. Morse was a reporter for eight years at the Dayton Daily News. She is a 1986 summa cum laude graduate of Kent State University's School of Journalism.

This document contains anecdotal comments gathered from our judges during the media contest. We tried to capture overall comments for each category and specific comments on each winner. More detailed judges' comments and individual category score sheets will be mailed directly to contest entrants.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact TSgt Carl Norman, AFMC Command Newspaper Consultant, at DSN 787-7630 or me at DSN 787-7620.

V/R

MICHAEL F. KELLY, Major, USAF Chief, Internal Communication Division

Contest Entry Breakdown				
Base	# Categories entered	#1st Place	#Runners up	
Arnold	4	0	0	
Brooks	4	1	0	
Edwards	12	2	1	
Eglin	11	2	3	
Hanscom	10	0	0	
Hill	11	1	0	
Kelly	5	0	1	
Kirtland	2	0	0	
Los Angeles	9	1	0	
McClellan	7	2	1	
Robins	11	1	2	
Tinker	6	0	1	
Wright-Patterson	10	3	0	
Headquarters PA staff	3	1	0	
TOTAL ENTRIES	105			

Category A -- Military Funded Newspaper (Large)

First Place: No entry
Second Place: No entry

Category B -- Military Funded Newspaper (Small)

First Place: McClellan Spacemaker, McClellan AFB, Calif.

(Primary & Significant Contributors: Robin Jackson; Sandra Kosmatin; Jennifer Vargas; Alica

Doyle; James F. Reeves; 1st Lt. Robert Firman)

Second Place: No entry



First Place: McClellan Spacemaker, McClellan AFB, Calif.

- □ Judge 1: Writing was a little mundane. Nothing grabbed me.

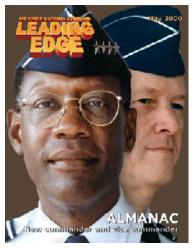
 Technically proficient; utilized the space well and stuck with the modular look. No ingenuity. Photos were weakest part. Covered the base well. Did well with the 8 pages you had.
- □ **Judge 2:** Leads proficient but not engaging. Add briefs column that includes more family stuff. A major challenge with space means you need to write tighter. Rather see one or two stories that sparkle and briefs for the rest to maximize the space. Shorten up the stories.
- □ **Judge 3:** A hodgepodge of type styles that took away from the overall clean look. Made it look less professional. Content good. Lack of space hurt them -- commander involvement was lacking. A solid pub for what they had to work with.

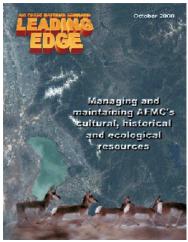
Category C -- Military Funded Newspaper (Magazine Format)

First Place: Leading Edge, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

(Primary & Significant Contributors: Libby Vanhook; Capt. CK Keegan, Maj. Michael Kelly)

Second Place: no entry





First Place: <u>Leading Edge</u>, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

- □ Judge 1: Lack of depth in writing. Seek multiple quotes. Captions on all photos. What are they like as people? What do they do outside of work? Really liked the looks, but be careful with overlays. Catchy headlines are ok. Really like it. Simple improvements can be made...don't lose headlines in graphics...watch overlays and bleeds. Like what they're doing with photos. Almanac issue was great, great photos. Better than Airman's the book. Stories not too long.
- ☐ Judge 2: Great improvement over last year. More judicious on the use of color, didn't overdo it. Be careful

of dark color backgrounds (green & brown). Screens should be no more than 20%. Writing is good. Impressed with what you're doing.

□ **Judge 3:** Print quality is good. Writing; fell in to the trap of falling in love with someone; just because they say something doesn't mean you have to quote it. Add more color to stories. More show, less tell. Blown away by the quality of the look.

Category E -- Civilian Enterprise Newspaper (Metro & Tabloid)

First Place: Skywrighter, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

(Primary Contributors: Will Daniel; Steve Wolfe, SSgt. Stuart Camp; SrA. Celena Leal)

Second Place: Robins Rev-up, Robins AFB, Ga.

(Primary & Significant Contributors: Phil Rhodes; Lisa Mathews; Sue Sapp; Hal McKenzie; A1C Eric

Smith; Chris Zdrakas)

OVERALL COMMENTS: Publications in general are communicating ok. A sense that there is an attempt at balance of community/issues Vs PR type stuff. Don't get too much from officials. What about the regular folks? Too many one source stories. Need more voices from other people who are involved or effected. No excuse for one source stories anymore. Have the guts to ask questions like..."what's the worst mistake you ever made?" More letters to the editor in base papers.

First Place: Skywrighter, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

- □ Judge 1: Understand production problems, but remember your readers don't care. Look at your contract or increase demands from publisher. Photos were the weakest link. Punch up the headlines in size.
- □ **Judge 2:** Work on leads. Sense that you're getting a little lazy. Be a little more creative, not always so straight.
- □ **Judge 3:** Sports photos substandard; good photo essay; need subheads to break up large areas of type; get rid of the clip art, very tacky. A yearning for less PR and more news. Serve the readership. Tackle tough issues like DUIs. Choose only the best and paraphrase the rest! Important, unique or opinion only! Who GAC? (Gives a crap).



Second Place: Robins Rev-up, Robins AFB, Ga.

- Judge 1: Headlines good; reader participation; good departmentalization. Get quotes from people who are effected by your stories.
- Judge 2: Some of the strongest writing of all the issues; good headlines; strongest leads out of all the papers. More per issue. Overall seemed like they were conscientious about choosing quotes. Some attempt to choose interesting quotes. Stronger commander involvement needed.
- Judge 3: Didn't like the nameplate



Category F -- Civilian Enterprise Newspaper (Magazine Format)

First Place: No entries

Category G -- News Article

First Place: 1st Lt. Robert Firman, McClellan AFB, Calif.

Second Place: Chris Zdrakas, Robins AFB, Ga.



McClellan's last aircraft departs marking end of aviation era

By 2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman Public Affairs deputy director

McCiellan Air Force Base passes an arrival of the wings and a tip of the wings described from the described of the last Air Force with less has be-

With more than 30,000 hours of labor invested in it, this jet, unpainted but airwor-tly, left for the hangars of Penso Asnoplex, Incorporated in Birmingham, Ala., where it will undergo the n will undergo the remaining maintenance work secessary to put it back in service as an aerial

For the mechanics and members of the aircraft management team, working on the last aircraft on buse presented unique chal-

lenges.
"The mechanics and the whole sincraft

they worked a lot of tough hours. They knew what needed to be done and they made it happen."

propert, that doing more with gets has be-come a way of life in the Air Force and success was the only option. Working at one point with about 700 personnel, air-craft management was down to about 20

"We've worked on about 44 different kinds of airplanes at McClellan since we opened for business nearly 60 years ago," said Gerry Hampton, director of the Air-craft Management Division. "The depar-ture of this plane was hittensweet. It was "The mechanics and the whole arrows team really pulled together to get this plane out of here," said Joyce Washington, a materials analysis with the Alexand Management over as the support structure was going away. These people did a fantastic job get-tion this plane out with limited resources."

OVERALL COMMENTS: An overall weak category; didn't capture the news, the summary of the news or even the appropriate angle. Way too many quotes; be more selective. Not enough description. Too often they took a boring story and had it live up to its potential.

First Place: 1st Lt. Robert Firman, McClellan AFB, Calif.

- □ Judge 1: Quotes worked well in this piece. Don't forget the little guys that made all this happen. Tight writing. Good use of quotes.
- Judge 2: Liked the writing, much stronger than the rest of the batch; captured the importance of the event.

Second Place: Chris Zdrakas, Robins AFB, Ga.

- Judge 1: Started off great, but broke into cliches.
- Judge 2: Overly long sentences throughout. Generally able to weed out technical info.

Information team averts 'Love Bug' virus damage

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Love Bug doesn't bite Robins

Category H -- Feature Article

First Place: Chris Zdrakas, Robins AFB, Ga

Second Place: Master Sgt. Darrell Lewis, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Cover stories

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OVERALL COMMENTS: Back to very weak in the show Vs the tell. No emotion. Too many show and no tell (what color is his hair, what are the gestures; what are the smells, let individual describe why they like to do something.) Next to news one of the weakest categories. No emotion, don't connect with the people you're writing about. Too clinical. Two and three sentences to get a point across, if you tighten up that, then you have room for more colorful writing (choose the salient details). Got to connect your readers with the person who you're writing about; no connection for your readers. The connection starts in the lead. Look for a unique approach. After you write the story, come back after a day to redo the lead based on the body. Ask why 6 times to get to the deeper meaning of the story...this will get you to the heart of the story. All writers show great potential...a glimmer of brilliance...but need more consistency. Be careful about picking stories that meet judging criteria. Some entries were follow-up stories.

First Place: Chris Zdrakas, Robins AFB, Ga.

- Judge 1: Good stuff.
- □ **Judge 2:** Use biological Vs natural when speaking of children. Lead was convoluted but once you got past the lead it was a good story. More detail needed in some sentences (church support).
- **Judge 3:** Great descriptive language helped us to picture what he was writing about. Certain things were not clear in the story, forcing readers to go back to check.

Second Place: Master Sgt. Darrell Lewis, Tinker AFB, Okla.

- Judge 1: Got me involved with this guy. I walked away thinking about this person. A little more detail on the individual's job. Strong ending.
- Judge 2: What preceded this story?
- Judge 3: Strong ending but wrong focus. Good Quotes from someone other than the individual. A different voice.

Survivor gives back to Combined Federal Campaign

Waster Sgt, Darrell Lewis

Almost six years after his life changed foreyer, Trent Givern continues to fight buck at well as help others with their own struggles. The Tinker employee of almost 11 years wirs draily battles against personal and professional challenges as he receivers from two brain turnors that struck him in 1995 and 1997.

For the last year and a half, Givern has been a lead aviouses engineer with the Oklahoona City Air Logisties Center Aireraft Directorate's B-2 System Support Manager Division. The job was a promotion for his work in the base's Cruise Missile Product Group division. Working on the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber, Givens diagnoses electronics anomaties, gives fellow engineers technical direction and rulays guidance to those working with the aircraft based at Whiteman Air Force Blue, Mo.

During this year's Combined Federal Campuign, Givens volunteezed to work for three weeks in Bldg. 3001 fullying pledges from base employees for the multi-organization fundraiser for charitable causes. "Actually, until toy first tumor," Givens said, "I gave minimally to CFC — I never really thought about it. Then after the first tumor happened, my wife and I decided. Well, maybe we ought a begiving. This year I ught I could give a little muse, kinda the mixt step. Give a little but more back to the

Responding to the advertisement for CFC volunteers, Givens reported to a small office just misted the huge industrial area of Bldg. 3001 to help track base effects toward its \$1.03 million goal. Through the day, Givens sail he has seen firsthard the amount of generosity and earing among Team Tinker. "It just overwhelms me. It is incredible how these folks give out here."

"He's absolutely an outstanding young man," and base CFC manager Laverne Shaw whose primary job is with the OC-ALC Aircraft Management Directance. After noticing that

Aircraff Management Directanue. After noticing that Givens reported about 30 minutes earlier than most of the volunteers to the CPC office she headed, she lightheartedly mentioned his punctuality. "He said it's a little difficult for him to find the place." Shaw said. "So, I kind of Jooked at him [questooningly] and he said "Well, yoo know, nice I had the brain turnor and they removed part of my right lobe, it's not always easy for me to find my way."

"It's a lot of coping day to day," he said, "Learning new things is difficult because it sometimes doesn't slick, the first time, or the second or the third. So I struggle with it; just trying to learn the way It-2 does things differently from the way the guys in croise missites did things."

Givens said the reason he is able to remain productive despite his history with brain tumors is that he has irred to develop work processes with the help of two charta. "I new know the steps. I know I can follow the steps and use checklists to make sure I haven't overlooked something." But the struggles are still something he deals with and some tasks doo't "come naturally for whatever reason." Givens said be also depends more on his writings to develop thought processes. "Before, my memory was such that I could write down just a note or two and it would be enough to lead me down that path to find that memory. Well, now, I really have to write down must of what was taid in order to really remember."

Shaw said she has seen the pride Givens has sensed from his involvement with CPC. "His outlook is so beautiful — not feeling surry for himself. He's a joy to know. You get pretty close when you work in the CPC office; as many hours as we do. I feel like I've gained a lot from just getting to work with Trent; and the rest of the people feel the same way."

It was while he was wrapping up a degree in

at was white he was wrapping up a degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Missouri at Rolla, a small engineering branch of the school, that Givens was recruited as a federal employee with the Air Force.

Givens would evenually find himself working with crune missiles at Triker. It was during a temporary duty trip to Boeting Aerospace's Seattle, Wash., plant in January 1995 when out of nowhere, he said, an about property grant and seizure became the first indication that something was terribly wrong. A magnetic resonance image showed a brain turnor. "They found a turnor the size of a small lime growing in my right temporal lobe." Givens said. "They cut it out along with quite a list of my lube. I've been recovering every since."

Givens' wife (who had left Tinker the year before to raise their nawborn son), his fathers-haw (who had just retired from Tinker), parents and sister had flown to Seattle whon he was hospitulized. "I didn't get the news until after I woke up, 'Givens said. 'But because of the anti-seizuse medication I was on, plus just for trauma of the surgery. I thought it was a dream.

"Fortunately, I had an allergic reaction to the medication, so my doctor took me off the medicatine and it was 'Okay, this is happening. Finally I accepted that I'd had a brain tumor. But I was like a lot of head trijury patients who believe they can do more than they really can." Givens said he then began forcing himself.

Givens said he then began forcing himself to learn small routines. Givens said information from a brain tumor agency he now contributes to regularly through the CFC was particularly mightful, allowing him to deal with his illness in a rational manner. "That really makes a difference" to someone undergoing such a traumatic experience, he said.

Before he learned about the advances made regarding has lifness. Givens said he had thought ". brain and tumor equaled dead, I had not heard of anyone surviving. So, [the agencies] were there to give this hope to me that now there is life after a brain tumor. I started down that path there at the hospital."

Ten months after his first seizure, Givens was reiurning early from another TDY. "At the time I was helping with our youth at our church, over at our youth building, messing around, playing games. I had a Juccood, arizure right there, So I had to wait another year [to get a driver's license]." Carpooling friends who also worked at the base gave him rides.

Bist, soon another MRI would find a second tursor, about the size of the end of a thumb, growing in basically the same location the first.

"The doctor called me on New Year's Eve of '97, after I got home from work," Givens said. "He said 'I can't keep this from you, but I don't really want to tell you now. but the turnior's grown back." Givens' second surgery was done in the Oklahoma City area. "It was much less traumatic," he said of the operation. Later, he would endure seven weeks of radiation therapy and time months of chemotherapy.

It is still a couple of years away before doctors conuder Givens curred, be said. "Even after that they'll constitute a regular follow-up with an MRI, then they'll get fewer and farther between."

Now part of a local support group affiliated with one of the national agencies, Givens is able to gain support for his own recovery, as well as give tiope to new trembers.

"In addition," Givens said, "we don't let the threat of the tumor recurring control our lives. We added a daughter — my precious baby doll — to our furnity after my first tumor and before the second. We stay involved in our church. I coach my sun's soccer team. We have but of living yet to do." Category I – Commentary

First Place: Steve VanWert, Brooks AFB, Texas

Second Place: 2nd Lt. Cristina Gentile, Eglin AFB, Fla.

OVERALL COMMENTS: Strongest category so far. Strong entries were able to take a very touching story and make it maudlin. Good commentators. A couple news stories got submitted. Not heavy-handed or preachy. Descriptive. No more chief's corners!

First Place: Steve VanWert, Brooks AFB, Texas

- Judge 1: Liked the message.
- Judge 3: Writing was tight, very descriptive; loved it

The Skipper

From the **VANtage**

I tozord him about being 10 years old, then 40 years old and then being 50 years old and still called "Skip." In return, he toads are about everything free me y speria additions to may expanding variables.

Skip, actually Morton, and I have been friende for 70 years. We first met at McGaise; Air Force Bass, N.J., and but a cell immediately. We were both staff organized, their exchanges and an action everyther than the cell removaled was suited as a fine to exchange the senior and Trained. He never let her freight have be outrailed from.

Our families know each other: Skip's wife (actually a cougle of thom) and my with know each other and ve all west to bull games and shared evenings on the free position, taking in larves chairs and listening to fite New Jersey surflies as the pain wind down. We went to Philadelphia Philadelphia particular games teigether, sperit hours decoposing the starting lineau and their painting rotation and modeling surflieshed management that Mishe Schwelit was the boat third baseman ever to play the game. We boarded a openface, played softly application of the contrained of the staff of the senior of the senior of the staff of the senior of the senior

was between marriages, we discussed the vagaries of trying to date is modern America. I doe't think I helped him much on that one, though. When Skip remarried, I was the best

how and then, ptill discussing life and the pursuit of happiness. I concernbor he was a lattle put not when I managed to find a GS-0 job. You see, he was a GS-7. It was the only time I've ever enternable him.

You may wender why I'rs telling you all this about accessor you don't know. It's simple. It want to change your lives. It's so easy to say, "I'll enast to change your lives. It's so easy to say," I'll enast on this person with the property of the person of the person with the person with the person with the person with the person of the

Make a difference: Recycle for cleaner, better future

Second Place: 2nd Lt. Cristina Gentile, Eglin AFB, Fla.

- □ Judge 1: Good template for an editorial, but didn't capture me emotionally.
- Judge 2: Well researched; more of a feature; maybe a little preachy.
- Judge 3: Long, took too long to get to the main point

Category J -- Sports Article

First Place: Lois Walsh, Eglin AFB, Fla.

Second Place: No winner selected

OVERALL COMMENTS: Think sports feature in the future; not routine coverage; make it more featury; other entries were too weak, too many holes with unanswered questions to warrant any other winners. See comments from feature writing. The winner was the winner because it was a well-written feature. Good quotes that were illustrative. A cut above the other entries.

First Place: Lois Walsh, Eglin AFB, Fla.

Eglin maintainers hook fishing title

by Laks Walsh AAC Public Affairs

If you want to hear the fiching tale about the one that get. away, don't talk to Jon Wood or Randy Coota. As the winning team for the Armed Forces Bass Fishing Tearnament. they can only tell you about the fish that didn't.

The two specialists from the 16th and 46th Maintenance Squadrens topped a field of 116 teams who competed in the 10° annual competition held at Lake Gusteroville, Als.

The tournament, which is open to employees of the Department of Defense and their dependents, is spensored by Offictt Air Force Base's Outdoor Recreation Flight and rotates annually in locations from Texas to Florida.

The toursument was held over five days, with two days. of practice and three days of weigh-ins. Three flights of 35beats launched out together and weighed in topether, after the teams spent at least eight. hours on the water.

"We could eatth all the fish we wanted, but could only weigh in the top six fish," said Wood. "The heaviest total for the three days was the winner.

Costs said the key to their sizoness this year was following the seasonal prevenents of the

"Every year in the springtime fish move to the shallows to iptiwn, and this year they were affected by severy cold fronts: prior to our arrival," Cnots said. 'But through the week, the bass moved out of the deeper water to the shallow water once again to spawn, and we followed them there.

While the team split more than \$2,000 in prize money and a travelling trophy, both agree the dollars seeren't the driving factor.

"Mis more for the bragging rights than the paycheck," said Cnota, as Wood listened, nedding bicheed.

"We get to go somewhere together and just have fun with other people we've met through these tournaments," Wood agreed.

Crots and that being affiliated. Teads to tournaments in Kenwith the military doesn't hurt, without.

"We have that common book and we all love to fish," he said. "You're destined to have a good time.

The heart doesn't plan to rest. en its laimels, though. Although they already hold title to two

firsts, one second. non third and a big: atay on the pentucky, Texas and Tennouses. When not on the road, they will fish any chance they get.

"We're fishing buddies we're like two brothers," Wood warfelt.

"It's the desire to fish, the competition, and representing Eglin, plus we have the most fun of anyone there," be added.

So, if you need to get in touch or heavien. fish, with the number one-ranked win, they plan to team in the Armed Forces, you'll know where they arepetition trail that. they've goes folding.

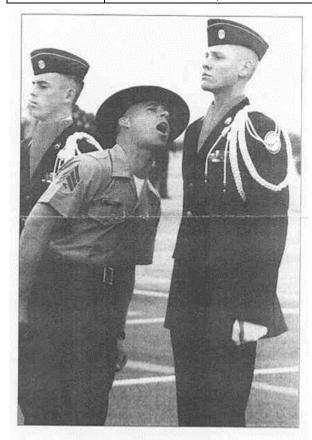
Category K – Series

First Place: No winner selected Second Place: No winner selected

Category L -- Single or Stand-Alone Photograph

First Place: Master Sgt. Tim Helton, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

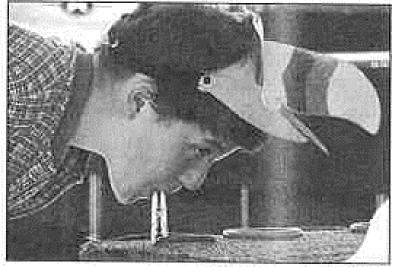
Second Place: Sandra Kosmatin, McClellan AFB, Calif.



OVERALL COMMENTS: Need more action, less static photos. Some entries did not have cutlines and that's one of the criteria.

First Place: Master Sgt. Tim Helton, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

- Judge 1: It had emotion; nice composition.
- □ **Judge 2:** Knew what the story was even without the cutline. Nice cropping.



U.S. Air Feroe ghoso by Sandra Kenmatin

Russell Laramie, son of Tech. Sgt. Montana and Kerry Laramie, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, uses a clothes pin to pick up a ring during a race against a parrot. The parrot won!

Second Place: Sandra Kosmatin, McClellan AFB, Calif.

- Judge 1: Unusual; focus with center of attention.
- □ Judge 2: Not static, action; pulled into the picture.
- □ **Judge 3:** Excellent composition; photos had impact.

Category M1 -- Photojournalism (Photojournalism)

First Place: SrA. Dean Witt, Edwards AFB, Calif.

Second Place: Capt. Victoria Keegan, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

OVERALL COMMENTS: Too repetitive; busy; some entries not contest material; too much is not always good. Way too much of the same thing at the same size; select fewer strong ones. More variety needed between close up, medium, panoramic, etc. if you use 4 photos, make sure they're good photos. If not, don't use them. Poor photo quality made this a difficult category to judge.

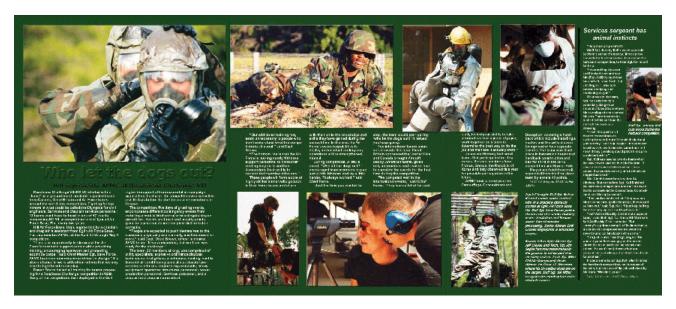


First Place: SrA. Dean Witt, Edwards AFB, Calif.

General comments: Good layout, tight cropping, good variety, and good clear and direct story dominant photo.

Second Place: Capt. Victoria Keegan, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

General comments: Way too much of the same thing at the same size; select fewer strong ones. More variety needed between close up, medium, panoramic, etc.



Category M2 -- Photojournalism (Photo Story)

First Place: Tech. Sgt. Christopher Ball, Edwards AFB, Calif.

Second Place: SrA. Marnee Carlson, Eglin AFB, Fla.



First Place Tech. Sgt. Christopher Ball, Edwards AFB, Calif.

- Judge 1: It told a story.
- □ **Judge 2:** Variety of shots, layout was wonderful; only drawback was misplaced cutline.
- Judge 3: Good variety and composition.

Second Place: SrA. Marnee Carlson, Eglin AFB, Fla.

- □ **Judge 1:** The good photos were very very good. Made a connection between human and horse. Effort was seen. Little variety, need more closeups, long range, etc.
- □ Judge 3: Good photos











Category N -- Art/Graphics in Support of a Publication

First Place: No winner selected

Second Place: No winner selected

OVERALL COMMENTS: At least we have some submissions! Graphics were lacking throughout all publications. Scan online graphics sites for ideas. Look to USA today for ideas. Several entries didn't have supporting story as required...weren't judged. Supposed to be easily understood and these weren't.

Category O -- Contribution by Contractor/Stringer (Writer)

First Place: Mary Galbraith, Hill AFB, Utah Second Place: Karen Edge, Kelly AFB, Texas

OVERALL COMMENTS: A number of these writers had stronger submissions than the other categories. They all must remember context...must have background paragraphs or sentences. Need tie backs. Context is critical. Strive to have a news peg high in the story. Some were buried in the bottom third of the story.

First Place: Mary Galbraith, Hill AFB, Utah

- □ **Judge 1:** Tackled an issue; did it in a way where the message is clear without being heavy handed. Hardest hitting article of all entries. Willingness to go beyond the superficial goody-goody story.
- □ **Judge 2:** Presented info for families to use, brought in full readership, not just military. Acknowledged problems, good PR. Very strong.
- Judge 3: Detected a number of AP style mistakes and usage mistakes (would have been a higher score). Very thoroughly reported, but should have included the names of the convicted. I wanted more.

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Second Place: Karen Edge, Kelly AFB, Texas

- Judge 1: I admired the airman. A good personality feature but it needed some work. Missing some key info. One hell of a personality feature. Read your story through a reader's eyes. Ask what your readers would want to know.
- Judge 2: Great story, but A lot of missing info...how did the accident happen, what are the rules...never says or describes what he's up against.
- Judge 3: The lead made me grimace. An amazing tale that needed a much stronger lead. How it happened was a major hole.

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Category P -- Contribution by Contractor/Stringer (Photographer)

First Place: Spencer Lane, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Second Place: Joe Piccorossi, Eglin AFB, Fla.

OVERALL COMMENTS: A key question: would I like these photos in black and white; a strong category, tough to decide; one of the harder categories to judge.

First Place: Spencer Lane, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

- Judge 1: Made me want to meet this individual.
- **Judge 2:** A hard subject to capture.
- **Judge 3:** My favorite; a precious expression on the individual; long shot gave perspective. Very charming.













Second Place: Joe Piccorossi, Eglin AFB, Fla.

- □ **Judge 1:** Look of concentration was key. When you look away you still see the face.
- Judge 2: Dramatic and innovative; showed the photog was thinking.
- ☐ Judge 3: Nice use of color.

Category Q -- Outstanding Flagship Publication

First Place: No entries

Category R -- Web-based Publication

First Place: Tinker AFB, Okla.

(Primary Contributors: Ron Mullan; April McDonald)

Second Place: Kirtland AFB, N.M.

(Primary contributor: Terry Walker)

Hanscom AFB, Mass.

(Primary contributors: MSgt. Daryl Mayer; SrA. Theresa Ide)

First Place: Tinker AFB, Okla.



Second Place: Kirtland AFB, N.M. & Hanscom AFB, Mass.





Category S -- Outstanding New Writer

First Place: Amn. Emily Butali, Eglin AFB, Fla.

Second Place: No winner selected

OVERALL COMMENTS: A lot more relaxed in writing. An ease of writing. Writes in nice bite sized pieces. Choose quotes carefully though. News pegs are low, bring them up.

First Place: Amn. Emily Butali, Eglin AFB, Fla.

Face Off

In-line hockey takes Eglin youth by storm

By Airman Emily Butali

It's action packed, fast paced, challenging and

It's action packed, fast paced, challenging and has taken the Egfin youth by storm. It's in-line hockey and it may be here to stay. For two years, volunteer hockey coach Ed-ward C. Delinle, who works at the Egfin air traf-fic centrol tower, has been aweating it out every Thursday with the children at the Eglin th Center

The Pontisc, Mith., native said he was born

Inc Pontac, airch, native sain in was con-und raised in the home of hockey. "I grew up playing hockey." Deliste said. "I wonted to bring hockey to Florida; and when I found out that the youth center was looking for

n coach, I was happy to volunteer."
As appased to ice hockey, which has a total of six players, in-line bockey has five players on each team, including the goalie. The players ontiet of the defense, right wing, left wing, con-

consist of the defense, right wing, left wing, con-ter and the goalle.

In-line hockey is played on a flat surface, clear of debris and obstacles. Players can be anywhere they want on the court. Kicking the puck is legal but a goal may not be scored in this manner. Games consist of 22 minutes of playing time with 15-minute breaks. A face off starts each half and plays until encteam

series of the puck leaves the play.

However, Delisis bends the rules in his games. Pick-up hockey is what he ralls his game. This is where teams are made up before they play against each other, explained Delisis. The rhildren, 7 to 12 years old, play is five-

oute shifts before the players away. "I have 20 children who would like to play

ed to give them all a chance we have to swap

Not only is Delislo the coach, but he is also the referee of the game. When the going gets tough, the tough do not get going in Delisle's team. Delisle does not allow the children to per-

from clap shots or any roughness.

"I call penalty shots, and I can also decide to step the game," he said. "I teach the children how to play a clean, fun game."

Standing in the path of a hard rubber disc charging at 130 kilometers an lowr may be a recipe for disaster unless one is well protected. To convert the unferty of the children, the youth To ensure the unfety of the children, the youth

center prevides full goar for the players.
To gear up, a heimet, marks, shin guards, elhow and shoulder pads, skates, hockey stick, gloves among other clething are required.

"All the gear may cost up to \$600," Deliabs said.
"Fortunately, the Eglin Youth Center provides it."

Kathy Thompson, a youth center volunteer, helps the children to get in and out of the gear. "She has been a great help," Delisle said. "It can take up to half an hour to get all the chil-

dren dressed."

While this may seem to be a beetle end to his while this may seem to be a feetle end to his afforts in en-

day. Deliale said the reward of his efforts in ensuring the children have good, clear fun.
"I do it for the kids, they alsolutely leve it,"

In-line bookey ends Thursday and begins again next summer. For more information the Eglin Youth Center at (850) 882-8212

Banquet to recognize honor guard

By Airman Emily Butali

For Ruth B. Wilson, the presentation of the U.S. flog at her bushand's funeral was a courtesy that will never be forgetten.

Wilson's husband, Senior Master Set, (ret.) Warren F. Wilson, was in the Air Force for 21 years and worked as a weapons maintenance superintendent with the 46th Maintenance Squadron here. He was born in 1921 and was

Squador in June at the Freeport Cemetery.

"Thank you for serving," she wrote in a letter of gratitude to the Eglin Honor Guard members who served on her husband's funeral detail. She commended their performance. "You are a rredit. to your squadron as well as the United States Air Force. I shall always remember the beautiful service and be ever grateful," she added.

Eglin Hooor Guard members have lit a carelle that will forever burn in the memories of veterans' widows and family members. To show appreciation to those who serve and to make those final memories lasting once, Eglin's Top 3 is sponsoring the fourth annual Honor Guard Banquet at the Eglin Enlisted Club Nov. 17.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Thoma Huberty, banquet committee chairman, 53 honor guard members will be recognized for their outstanding efforts in on and off-base activities

The Eglin Honor Guard is composed of volun-teers from all squadrons on Eglin. Their primary duty is to provide military funeral honors for deceased active-duty and retired servicensembers,

Other ceremonies that they perform include

traditional coremonial honors at military functions such as change-of-command core retirement ceremonies and parades

"The hanquet is a good chance for the Eglin community to show the honor guard that we back their efforts," Huberty said.

Some featured events during the cere include a POW/MIA table presentation, a 53d Wing video presentation on what the honor guard did throughout the year and an awards presentation to the outstanding members of the honor

The awards include the esprit de corps award, which is given to the person who keeps the flight morale high throughout the year, and the sterra botel award, which is issued to the member who has the most points from detail participation.

"Although awards will be given to some men bers of the honor guard, it is important for people to realize that all the members worked hard and that they all deserve to be recognized," Huberty

StaffSet, Jason Sahin, noncommunicered officer in charge of the Eglin Honor Guard, agreed.

"Many people do not realize how hard it is for the honor guard members to stand in extreme cold or heat for long hours without moving," Subin said. "The Honor Guard Banquet is a Team Eglin event that shows how the Air Force takes care of its own.

The banquet begins at 6 p.m. and is a semi-formal event, which includes a buffet-style meal. The goest speaker for the event is 12th Chi-Muster Sgt. of the Air Force (ret.) Eric Benken. Tickets cost \$15 per person and can be purchased through unit first sergennts.

Category T -- Air Force Print Journalist of the Year

First Place: Sue Baker, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Second Place: Ray Johnson, Edwards AFB, Calif.

OVERALL COMMENTS: Send strongest stories...you need depth...some stories were very routine which weakened the package. A year's time gives you lots of opportunity. The stories with the most impact crossed military/civilian lines...easy to understand. Think about your job description being a translator...translate a foreign language (military) into vanilla English. Overall, would like to see more of the AF writers involve their readers with emotion, description/visualization. Entails strong facts, strong observations, and daring questions. Willing to ask the tough questions. Multiple source stories will always be better than a single source story. As a test to see whether a story flows well and to see if its free of bureaucratic lingo, read it aloud. If you stumble, your readers will too.

'Highest step' opens up space

First Place: Sue Baker, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

- □ Judge 2: Strong writer; sentences were too complex. Make more reader friendly.
- Judge 3: Very descriptive writing; strong writer.

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Tool provides 'critical edge' for pilots

Edwards office strives to expand space access



Second Place: Ray Johnson, Edwards AFB, Calif.

Judge 1: Decent stories.

Judge 2: Consistently strong leads; simplify; reengineering story needed work...be careful of technical terms and bureautcraticease...you hit three out of four, but it cost you.

□ Judge 3: Tends to get bogged down in quotes; a talented writer.

Just another day at Edwards

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